

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Applicant has elected claims without traverse in the reply filed on 3/24/03. Therefore, the nonelected species claims, 1-9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, ⁶⁸~~38~~, 70, 72, 74 and 76, have been cancelled.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record, Yamazaki et al., US Patent 5,789,284 in view of Chan US 6,670,259, fails to show the following steps of:

Pertaining to independent claim 10, "adding a noble gas element to a region of the second semiconductor film; gettering the metallic element into the region of the second semiconductor film to remove or reduce the amount of the metallic element within the first semiconductor film having a crystalline structure;"

Pertaining to independent claim 47, "adding a noble gas element to a region of the second semiconductor film; gettering the material for promoting crystallization into the region of the second semiconductor film."